

Council OKs introduction of new district

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Residents seeking to protect a rural section of Romulus from development got exactly what they asked for from members of the city council.

A six-month moratorium approved by Romulus City Council members Dec. 8, 2003 has now expired. The moratorium was approved in part because an impending development by Orco Investments prompted protests from neighboring property owners who requested protection of the rural atmosphere.

The moratorium allowed council members time to analyze current zoning standards and to address their ability to protect the rural character and large tract size of low residential density lands within the neighborhood located south of Wabash, west of the CSX railroad, east of Hannan and north of Pennsylvania, according to city officials.

The process also gave residents a chance for input during a number of public hearings scheduled by both the planning commission and the city council.

City Planner Cynthia Lyons brought six proposed text amendments before council

Monday night for consideration. Each amendment in the moratorium area was acted on separately by council, because they affected different areas.

The current R1B zoning allows a home to be constructed every 60 feet. The residents living nearby asked to rezone for 1-acre parcels of land. More than 100 residents signed a petition, which was submitted to the council at the Dec. 8 meeting.

The first amendment created a new district for the moratorium area. The new rural character overlay district and sidewalk, curb and gutter relief gave residents in the area exactly what they were looking

for from council throughout the process.

"This area needs to be left alone and protected. We don't want this to be destroyed," said resident Tony Chalet.

Chalet and his neighbors got their wish when council approved the introduction of the newly-designed district, which will ultimately maintain the rural character residents were concerned about losing.

The second amendment created a new category for accessory building sizes throughout the entire city.

"It allows people who have an in-

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Stepping out

Romulus High School seniors, (above, from left) Brandon Slabaugh, Caressa Drobil, Scott Lockine, Christy Davis, Lisa LeBlanc and Tim Lewis got dressed up and attended their senior prom at the school as did (right) Demarvelous Carter and Shawneese Stewart.

Candidate promises accountability if elected

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Dennis Lubas, a 17-year resident of Romulus, said he is seeking a term on the Romulus school board to bring accountability back into the schools.

"Everything is very secretive here," said Lubas. "The school board doesn't want anyone to know what they are doing. I would like to see the school board become more transparent in the community."

Lubas, a retired general assembly worker for Ford Motor Co., said he is committed to making the school board work for the community and the schools, not for what looks good to the outside.

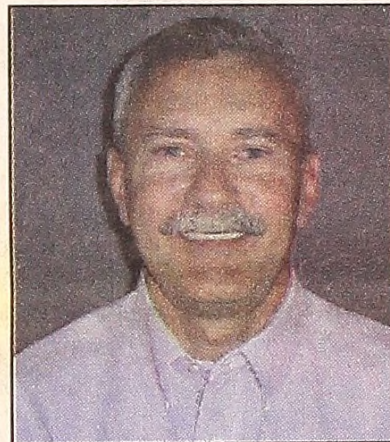
Lubas said the most important thing a school board does is to make sure the students leave the school system prepared with the proper education, but also prepared for life as individuals.

"Too often they cookie-cut our kids these days," he said. "They don't take the time to look at them as the individuals that they are and that is a mistake."

He said he believes the main problem in the Romulus schools is focus. Instead of focusing on academics, Lubas said the schools focus completely on sports activities, forgetting about the arts and music.

"There is more to life than sports," he said. "We are not teaching our children to have an interest in the arts any more. Those are the programs that get cut and forgotten about first. But they are so important in the long term."

Lubas went on to say that students who are active in the arts during elementary and high school are better able to handle other subjects and have a higher sense of self worth.



Dennis Lubas

Lubas also said he wants to cut the school taxes residents in Romulus pay, because the money is not being spent wisely. He said he believes taxpayers are not getting their money's worth in the school system, because the school board does not take the time to consider what would be best for the students. Lubas said he believes that the school board just rushes to spend the money.

"People are taxed to death in this city," he said. "And don't get me wrong, people don't mind spending money if they are getting something for it. But this school board spends other people's money a little too easily for me."

What the school board does in a time of budget crisis is also of concern to Lubas. He said he is tired of the fact that every time something needs to be cut, it is always the teachers that go first. He said there are other ways to save money.

Lubas also said he believes that the Romulus schools have to do a better job of dealing with kids not moving on to college.

Lubas is one of four candidates seeking two seats on the school board. The others are Thomas Kuderik, Leo Knasiak Jr. and incumbent Betty Lenossi.

The school election is June 14.

City grants 6-year tax abatement

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The Lear Corp. did not get the 12-year tax abatement requested from the Romulus City Council Monday night.

Instead they received a 6-year tax abatement, which will save the company \$430,500 in property taxes.

Lear sought the abatement on a \$9 million project to purchase and install new manufacturing equipment to produce seats for the Daimler Chrysler 2005 Dakota

and 2006 Ram trucks at their existing facility on Eureka Road.

However, \$3 million of the project cost was not included in the council decision because it dealt with tooling equipment that is not subject to taxes, according to Kirk Fisher, Lear tax manager.

Lear claims the project will retain 340 existing jobs and create at least 110 new jobs. Ten of the new jobs will be salaried workers and 100 will be filled by hourly wage workers. Romulus residents, according to Fisher, will hold 20 percent of the new

jobs.

Council questioned Fisher on the length of the contract with Chrysler to produce these new seats, in an effort to ensure that the plant would stay open in Romulus.

"We should be producing that truck line as long as Chrysler is producing the line," said Fisher.

Fisher said Lear currently has a 5-year contract with the car manufacturer and is confident that it will be renewed.

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Star struck

Local singer to appear at area festivals this summer

John Counts
Staff Writer

In three years, 19-year-old Ricky Smith has gone from belting out Elvis tunes at karaoke bars to entertaining festival crowds all over western Wayne County.

His next big gig is the Canton Township Liberty Fest, where he will perform Saturday, June 19. He and his band will perform country songs by Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney and Garth Brooks. Smith said the band has also been doing some non-country tunes by Jimmy Buffet, Lynard Skynard, and, his favorite, Elvis Presley.

"Everybody who comes to watch has a good time. There's always someone singing along," he said.

Although he said he always sang around the house, Smith got his professional start a few years

ago when he and a group of friends starting hitting karaoke bars in the area. With his friends' encouragement, Smith sang Elvis songs like *Viva Las Vegas* and *Don't Be Cruel*. He admits to being a little nervous at first, but now says he loves performing in

the way."

With the help of his grandfather and father, who Smith said have become something of managers for him, Smith began getting booked at events like the Plymouth Fall Festival, Westland Festival, and the Wayne County

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Ricky Smith

public.

"There's nothing like being on stage and feeling the energy of the people," he said. "You feel like you're on top of the world."

Smith's friends weren't the only people encouraging him.

"My family is really supportive. They've been behind me all

Fair. Then there was placing fourth in the Gimme the Mic Detroit competition, of which Smith said he is proud.

In addition to singing, Smith is also a DJ. He said he plays all kinds of music, not just country. The Salem High School graduate also attends the University of

Michigan-Dearborn. While he thinks it's important to go to school, Smith has other things in mind when he graduates, like moving to Nashville to pursue a music career. By then, he said he hopes not to be doing cover songs.

"The next step is doing all original songs," he said.

He said he's been learning the guitar and working with a songwriter.

But for now, there are more immediate things to look forward to like being booked next fall at Wiard's Apple Orchard in Ypsilanti. He said it's exciting because the orchard has never booked one performer for the whole season. Smith will also perform at the Bellville Strawberry Festival the same weekend as Liberty Fest.

"Everyone would have a good time coming out and seeing it," he said.



Ricky Smith

Northville Arts Commission sponsoring Art House logo competition

The Northville Arts Commission is hosting a design contest for the new Art House in downtown Northville. The Art House is expected to sponsor art-related classes, workshops, exhibitions, recitals, and shows

that will appeal to the entire community. The logo selected will be used on the facility sign, letterhead, marketing materials, and more.

All logos should be submitted in both black and white and

color, if possible. However, artists should limit the number of colors used to create the piece to three. Participants should submit all artwork in hardcopy and electronic form, if applicable. All entries, marked with the

applicant's name, address, phone number, and email address, must be received by Friday, July 9. The artwork should be submitted by mailing it to the Northville Arts Commission, c/o Recreation

Center at Hillside, 700 West Baseline Road., Northville MI 48167. Artwork may be picked up after the contest ends. For more information, contact the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

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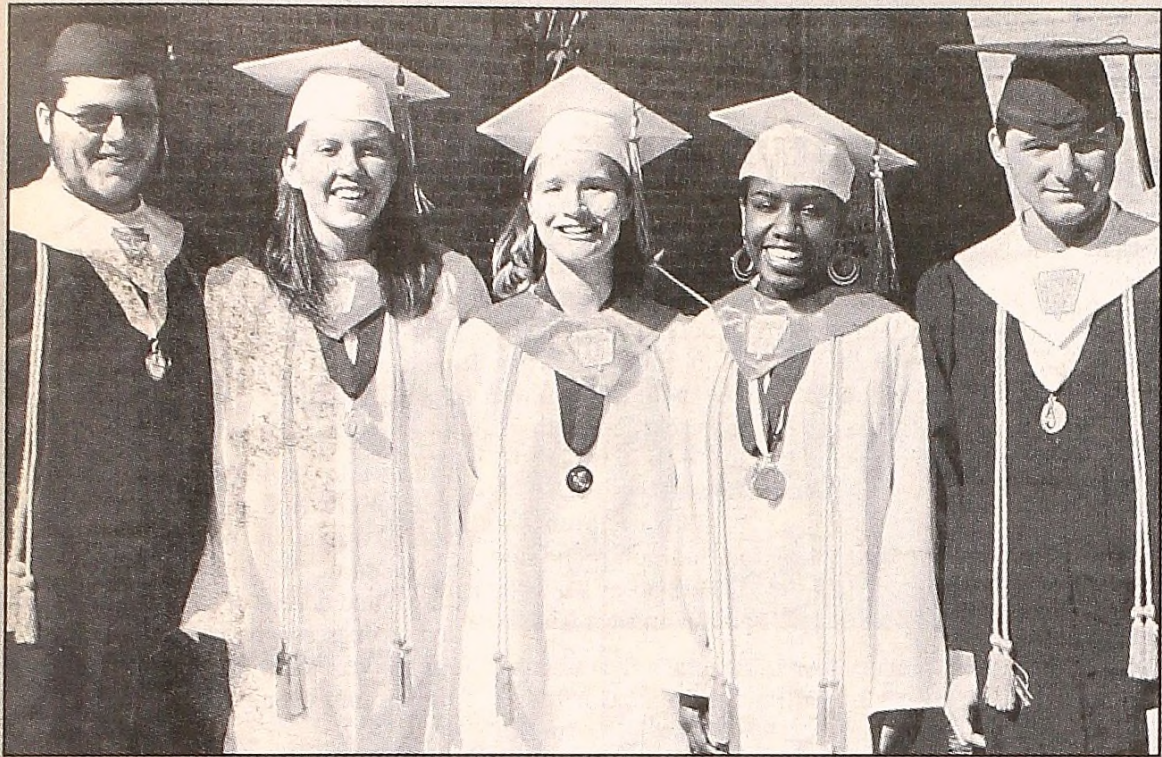
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Romulus High School Class of 2004 valedictorians (left) Ryan Tackett, Toni Gibson, Sarah Schultz, LaJoya Orr and Patrick McCollum.

Valedictorians honored by school

Name: Patrick McCollum
Age: 18
School: Romulus High School
GPA: 4.0314
Parents: Lonnie and Patricia McCollum
College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
When I go to college, I hope to study: Undecided
When I finish, I hope to work as a: Undecided
My favorite class in high school was: biology.
My favorite extracurricular activity was lacrosse.
When I'm not at work or studying, I'm busy sleeping.
My favorite television show is E.R.

Name: LaJoya Orr
Age: 17
School: Romulus High School
GPA: 4.0310
Parents: Theodore and Eunice Orr
College: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
When I go to college, I hope to study Psychology with a focus on medicine.
When I finish, I hope to work as a Forensic Psychiatrist.
My teachers helped me become a successful student by allowing and trusting me to venture out and be productive in my own creative way.
My favorite class in high school was calculus, psychology.
My favorite extracurricular activity was marching/symphonic band.
When I'm not at work or studying, I'm busy designing clothes.

My favorite television show is Crime Scene Investigation (C.S.I.).
If I could give advice to other students, it would be, "Stay focused and remember that every semester, report card marking and assignment counts."

Name: Sara Elizabeth Schulz
Age: 17
School: Romulus High School
GPA: 4.0062
Parents: Keith and Virginia Schulz
College: Undecided
When I go to college, I hope to study Forensic Science.
When I finish, I hope to work as a Forensic Scientist.
My teachers helped me become a successful student by challenging me.
My favorite class in high school was AP Biology.
My favorite extracurricular activity was track.
When I'm not at work or studying, I'm busy running, cleaning, socializing.
My favorite television show is Friends.

Name: Ryan Tackett
Age: 17
School: Romulus High School
GPA: 4.0067.
Parents: Ron and Betty Tackett
College: Michigan State University.
When I go to college, I hope to study: Undecided.
When I finish, I hope to work as a comic artist.
My teachers helped me

become a successful student by encouragement.
My favorite class in high school was band.
My favorite extracurricular activity was band.
When I'm not at work or studying, I'm busy using computers.
My favorite band is The MAHJ.
My favorite television show is WWE Wrestling.
If I could give advice to other students, it would be, "Study hard and enjoy your short time here."

Name: Toni Gibson
Age: 17
School: Romulus High School
GPA: 4.01
Parents: William Gibson Jr. and Jean Maddox.
College: Wayne State University.
When I go to college, I hope to study political science.
When I finish, I hope to work as a lawyer.
My teachers helped me become a successful student by making me do things independently.
My favorite class in high school was AP Government.
My favorite extracurricular activity was student council.
When I'm not at work or studying, I'm busy reading a book, shopping and doing normal teenage things.
My favorite band is Simple Plan.
My favorite television show is Gilmore Girls.
If I could give advice to other students, it would be, "Do everything for yourself."

Students raise funds, spirits for charities

Ashley Lawrence
 Staff Writer

Students from Barth Elementary School raised more than \$1,000 for local charities and had a lot of fun doing it, according to school principal, Diane Golka.

"It is a tradition at Barth each year to pick a charity and raise money for it," said Golka. "This year we did it a little differently and it worked out well."

Usually the school picks one charity, but this year five were chosen to receive money from the annual fundraiser during spirit week.

The five charities picked were Service to Enhance Potential (STEP), the Michigan Lupus Foundation, the Romulus Animal Shelter, Helping Hands and the Diabetes Association.

Golka said the charities were picked, because they were each close to the hearts of faculty, staff and the students.

Each day during spirit week

hass a different theme. The themes included silly hats day, pajama day, favorite sport day, crazy hair day and Hawaiian day. In order to participate each student was asked to bring in a donation each day.

"A child can bring in any amount in order to participate," said Golka. "We do that so that every student can be included."

A different charity received the funds for a particular days event. At the end of the week, the students had raised \$147 for STEP, \$161 for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, \$144 for the Romulus Animal Shelter, \$147 for Helping Hands and \$188 for the Diabetes Association.

Golka then invited guests from each of the charities to an all school assembly to receive their donation checks, but she said she got the most gratification from the students.

"These kids always impress me," she said. "Their participation in events like this mean so much to the school and the community."

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between sized lot to have a larger structure on that property," said Lyons.

A third amendment deals with width-to-depth ratio relief. According to Lyons, this gives the zoning board of appeals new criteria to follow in evaluating requests to exceed the four-to-one ratio that is currently allowed by the State of Michigan.

Council took no action on the remaining three amendments, which would have further protected the moratorium district, said Lyons.

Council members approved the introduction of two rezoning requests for the moratorium area.

The first rezoned 373 acres

south of Wabash Road and west of Huron River Drive to the newly created rural overlay district, a move recommended by the planning commission and supported by a majority of residents in this neighborhood.

"This is a special area," Councilman Charles Miller told residents. "You talked, we listened. This is how your government works for you."

The second request dealt with 419 acres west and east of Huron River Drive and north of Eureka. It will also be part of the new rural overlay district, but to the dismay of the many of the property owners in this portion of the area.

All of the actions taken at the meeting will require a second reading and final adoption at the June 14 meeting. All actions will require a two-thirds majority prior to final adoption.

Grants

FROM PAGE 1

Councilman Charles Miller also questioned Fisher about the viability of Lear as a whole.

Fisher said Lear was a viable company with more than 100,000 employees in 33 countries. In Michigan, Lear has 11,000 workers.

Julie Albert, assessor for the City of Romulus, recommended

the 6-year tax break based on guidelines previously established by the council and using the information in the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (IFTEC) application.

Lear will now pay \$14,300 in city taxes, \$54,200 in school taxes and \$16,900 in county taxes with the approval of the IFTEC, as opposed to the \$28,600 in city taxes, \$94,500 in school taxes and \$33,800 in county taxes without the IFTEC.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak saw no problem in granting Lear the tax abatement in the current economic picture.

"Romulus has always been a generous community when it comes to the abatement of taxes. We have never said no to you yet," she said.

Council members unanimously approved the introduction of the 6-year abatement. It will come before council next week for a final approval.

Helping hand

A fundraiser for 5-year old Marc Grant generated more than \$4,000 for Marc's medical costs. Marc is pictured with his father (left), Romulus Police Ofc. Mike Grant and a Romulus firefighter who attended the event. Marc has a rare chromosome duplication. Family members said they were thankful for all the support from the community.



'Caring for kids'

Edgemont Elementary School to receive face-lift this summer

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Students at Edgemont Elementary School may soon be heading for summer vacation, but Clayco Construction Co. employees will be going to work.

Employees from the Detroit-based construction company will start June 12 to transform the playground area of Edgemont Elementary as part of the "Caring for Kids" program.

Mike Tomasik, Clayco regional vice-president, said that the Clayco crew, subcontractors, former clients, area merchants, parents and teachers will all work together to get the improvements done before students return to school in the fall. The project plans include: building a small climbing wall, a wood play structure with a ladder, slide, balance beam and cargo net and installing a 200-foot-long fence to prevent children from running into traffic. They will also repair, replace and paint soccer fields and stripe for outdoor games such as basketball and hopscotch. A map of the United States will also be added to the playground, he said.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity

of our volunteer team," said Tomasik. "The food, building materials and labor are all being donated for the day. Our volunteers and donors understand the concept of giving back to our community."

Tomasik said that this project marks the debut of the annual community service project in the Detroit Area. Not only do they provide these services in Detroit, but Clayco also has a long history of community service work across the country, he said.

"Our firm has a record of building youth and high school baseball fields, helping firefighters train for emergency excavation work and constructing public memorials for America," he said. "We wanted to find a project that would benefit children, help a public school or community center and have the support of other volunteers close to the project."

Tomasik said that the project presented itself when he learned about the needs of Edgemont.

"The fact that parents and teachers were willing to help us was a decisive factor in selecting Edgemont as the school we wanted to help," he said.

Area donors include local restaurants

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and grocery stores, Banotai's Greenhouse, Flower's by Katherine Rose, Gardner's Choice and BSM Technologies Inc. of

Romulus. Others such as: Oliver C. DeLuca Co. of Northville, TBD Mechanical, LLC of Plymouth and Simon/Watt of Detroit will also contribute labor, supplies and time.

Edgemont principal Brian Kissman said the school is overwhelmed by all the help.

"At Edgemont, our teachers and staff are dedicated to provide the best education possible for our students, but some things we can't do without the help from the community," he said. "We look forward to joining Clayco and dozens of community volunteers and businesses who will help us spruce up our school. I know the students will appreciate the improvements even more than we do."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 1, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of May 17, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A communication from Environmental Director Swallow with Yard Waste Collection tips due to the large amount of rainfall. Tips include the following: mulch grass clippings, keep yard waste in tightly covered containers and if severe weather is predicted overnight do not place items at curb until morning of your collection. In addition, Waste Management will be working their normal week during the Fourth of July holiday week.

An email from a resident thanking Firefighters Danny Wilson and Ken Landstrom for their assistance.

The Seventh Annual "Pint of Life" 2004 Down River Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 21st at Van Buren Township Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the contract for the Ecorse Road Improvements, I-275 east to Hannan Road, between Van Buren Township and Dan's Excavating in the amount of \$3,375,332.03 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the June 1, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King stated the Kelly/Stone Operation and Management Study of the Department of Public Safety Report is available at the Library and on the township's website www.Vanburen-mi.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Recreation Department announced the following events: the Van Buren Recreation Department and the Belleville Parks Commission proudly present a Detroit Tigers baseball trip on Friday, June 27, 2004. The 2004 fireworks display will be held on Saturday, June 26th with a rain date of Sunday, June 27th at the Beck Road baseball fields at dusk. For further information on classes and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident commented on the Work Study Session discussion of the Operations and Management Study of the Public Safety Department.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Carried.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

NOTICE is given that at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 14, 2004, there shall be an election of two (2) members to the Board of Education of the District for full terms of 4 years, ending June 30, 2008. The following persons have been nominated to fill the two 4-year term vacancies:

Robert T. Binert	Matthew R. Sikowski
Toni Hunt	Leon Wright
Keith L. Johnston	

NOTICE is further given that any person intending to run as a write-in candidate at the Annual Election must file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official in the School District on or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2004. The Declaration of Intent may be obtained from and filed with the office of the Superintendent, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan. The Board of Election Inspectors shall not count a write-in vote for any person unless that person has filed the Declaration of Intent.

All school electors registered with the City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

The Polls of Election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Places of Voting will be:

Precinct 1	Belleville High School (Auditorium Lobby) 501 W. Columbia Avenue Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 4	Elwell Elementary School 17601 Elwell Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 2	North Middle School 47097 McBride Belleville, MI 48111	Precinct 5	Haggerty Elementary School 13770 Haggerty Road Belleville, MI 48111
Precinct 3	Rawsonville Elementary 3110 Grove Road Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Precinct 6	Tyler Elementary 42200 Tyler Road Belleville, MI 48111

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw.

Ralph A. Nodwell, Secretary
Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

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OBITUARIES

PITRE, Norman William

Norman William Pitre, 63, of Ypsilanti, died May 23.

Among his survivors is his brother, Frank Pitre of California.

Mr. Pitre was retired from the General Motors Willow Run Hydromatic Plant where he had worked for 33 years. He served in the U.S. Navy.

A funeral mass was at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick and Father Bill Lanphear as celebrants.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BEASON, Dylan Daniel

Dylan Daniel Beason, the infant son of Daniel and Erin (Kornelson) Beason of Belleville, died May 22.

In addition to his parents, the baby is survived by his maternal grandparents, Keith (Lori) Kornelson of Belleville and Carol (Alfred) Krentz of Spruce; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Kathleen Beason of Belleville; maternal great-grandmothers, Joanne Millard of Ossineke, and Nellie Kornelson of Belleville; paternal great-grandparents, J.D. and Della Beason of Monroe; maternal great-great-grandmother, Hilma Harman of Ossineke; aunts and uncles, and cousins, Braden and Madison.

Funeral services were at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston with the Rev. D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

FISCHER, I. June

I. June Fischer, 86, of Belleville, died May 25.

Among her survivors are her sons, Dan Fisher of Ypsilanti and Mark Fischer of Belleville; a sis-

ter, Ester Van Duzen of Findley, OH, and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Fischer was a 1935 graduate of Belleville high School and was a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township.

Memorial services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton Township.

ADKINS, Patsy L.

Patsy L. Adkins, 65, of Romulus, died May 28.

Among her survivors are her husband, Danny Adkins; daughters, Sherry Lakatos of Yale, Joyce (Frederick) Weiss of Yale and Diane (Paul) Smigelski of Emmett; a sister, Brenda Walls of Dayton, OH; grandchildren, Danielle Lickfeldt, Heather Adkins and Matthew Smiegelski, and two great-grandchildren, Patrick Williams and Jasmine McGlory.

Funeral services were at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland with the Rev. Arthur Mack officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

BLAKE, Olive

Olive L. Blake, 85, of Belleville, died May 30.

Among her survivors are her children, Patricia (Roger) Williams of Belleville, Gloria (Leon) Dufek of Brooklyn, MI, Thomas (Paula) Blake of Madison, WI, Shirley (Millard) Cadell of Ypsilanti, Cecil (Barbara) Blake of Hillsdale, Larry (Sharon) Blake of Belleville, John (Linda) Blake of Weatherford, TX and Mark (Brenda) Blake of Wheelersburgh, OH; sisters, Mildred Vance, Virginia Ferguson and EmmaJean Masters, and numerous grand-

children and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Blake was a resident of Belleville for 40 years. She was a member of Willis Baptist Church.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim McKinnies officiating.

Interment was at Union Udel Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

MOOSE, James R. Sr.

James R. Moose, Sr., 70, of Belleville, died May 30.

Among his survivors are his wife, Patricia a. (Schumaker) Moose; children, Cynthia Kapek of Westland, Debbie Kopsolias and Donald Gardner of Canton Township, Wendy (Kenneth) Keiger of Barnville, OH, James Moose, Jr. of Belleville, Kimberly (Patrick) MacDonald of Belleville, John (Karen) Moose of Ypsilanti, Jeffrey (Terri) Moose, Pamela Moose, Timothy Lynn Barr and Robert Barr, all of Belleville; sisters, Susan Staats and Sharon LaFontaine; 14 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Moose was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and a member of the Stoney Creek and Belleville Moose Lodge.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Edwin C. Reese officiating.

HARRINGTON, Esther Janet

Esther Janet Harrington, 80, of Belleville, died June 4.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Janet Lynn Burnette of Belleville and Barbara Jo (Harley) Trum-

bull of New Boston; her sons, Norman David (Beth) Harrington of Ann Arbor and Henry James (Nicole Nesberg) Harrington II of Ypsilanti; a sister, Dorothy Wolfe of St. Clair Shores; several nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrington was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose Lodge 934 and a former member of the September Days Senior Citizens.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Catholic Church where Mrs. Harrington was a member with father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant.

Interment was at Michigan

Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

FERGUSON, Freddie L.


Freddie L. Ferguson, 73, of Romulus, died June 1.

Among his survivors are his wife, Olene; children, Rose (Curt Bowden) Ferguson and Bernice (Ricky) Cupp; grandchildren, Karen Blundo and Paul Anderson; a brother, Benny Ferguson, and a sister, Onalee England.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act. No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby give that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the June 14, 2004 Annual School Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

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Absentee Voter Ballots

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OPINION

Our vote goes to...

Voters throughout western Wayne County will face an important choice when they go to the polls on Monday to select new members for their respective school boards.

Like every election year, this will be an important one in determining the future of the school districts. State funding, always a controversial topic, has been again targeted by Lansing lawmakers, and other issues will affect the schools as well. It will take the right mix of community-minded people to help steer their respective boards through the difficult times ahead.

In Romulus, we think those two candidates are incumbent **Betty Lenossi**, and newcomer **Thomas Kuderik**.

Lenossi, an eight-year veteran of the school board, has served admirably during her two previous terms. We like the perspective she brings to the board, as a retired school bus driver. Her hopes to prepare students for every situation sounds a bit like political rhetoric, but she's always backed that simple motto up with sound decisions.

Kuderik, a relative newcomer to politics, already has a long history of working with young people. A long-time coach in the community, he said he will not shy away from difficult questions and difficult decisions. Anyone who has met him will probably agree - we certainly do.

In the Van Buren Community School District, there are five candidates seeking two seats. Ideally, we'd pick two candidates to fill those seats, but we like three candidates enough to give them an endorsement. It's good to see, in a community that has seen negative publicity due to MEAP scores, that there are plenty of good people that want to pitch in.

Both incumbents, **Robert Binert** and **Keith Johnston**, deserve another shot at serving the community, as does newcomer **Toni Hunt**.

Binert has served capably during his time, and made strides to further his own education as a school board member. We like that dedication.

Johnston, who brings a business perspective to the board, also has a long history of working with young people, as a coach, interested parent and band booster. He's been a valuable voice, and will continue.

Hunt provides a fresh perspective. We like her energy, enthusiasm and ideas. She first got involved with the facilities committee and has stayed involved. It's a good sign for a positive future.

In the Wayne-Westland School District, there are two separate races that will be decided on Monday. Four candidates are seeking two four-year terms and two are seeking to fill out an unexpired one-year term.

For the four-year term, we like the incumbents, **Cindy Schofield** and **Terrance McClain**.

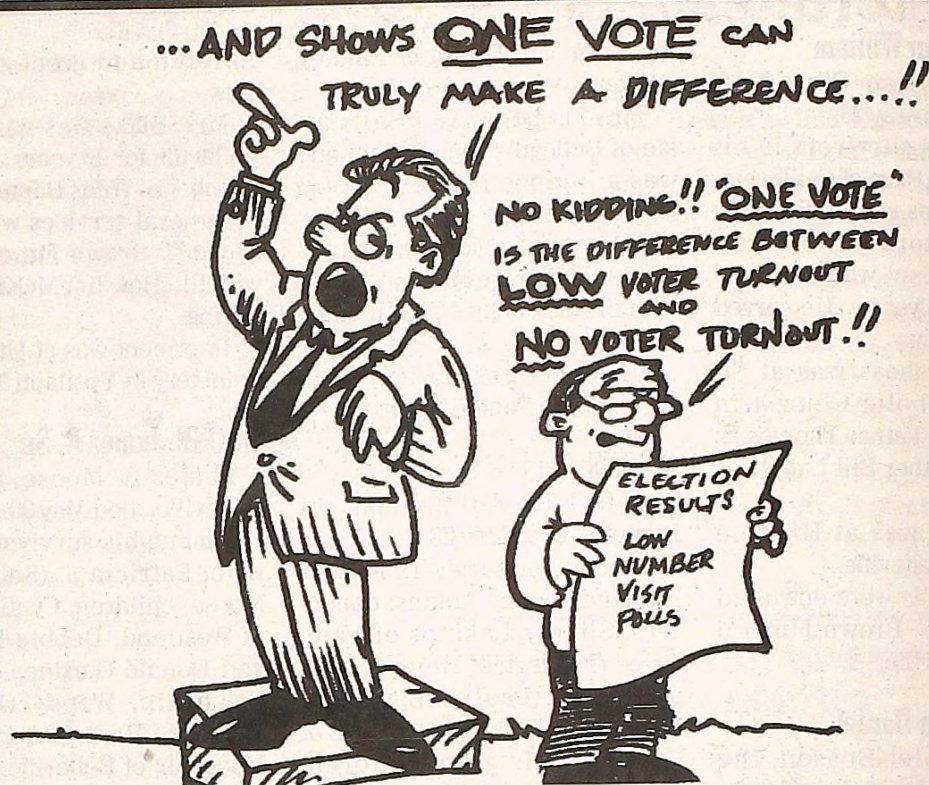
Both are Wayne residents, and both bring a unique mixture of energy and enthusiasm to the post.

Schofield is the only candidate that still has children within the district. We like her experience, both as a business woman in the NorWayne community, where she maintains an open door policy, and with the district, where she has served as a school board member and played a role in the committee to approve the 1998 bond issue. She is active in the community, and will play a vital role on the board.

It's hard to imagine that anyone can bring as much excitement to the board as McClain, who was appointed last year. A preacher by day, McClain has a variety of experiences under his belt that will translate well into a continuing role on the board. He has a totally different background than any other candidate, and we like his experience in working with youth and dealing with conflict resolutions and his infectious, positive personality.

Teresa Robbins, who was appointed to board last year, should be re-elected to serve out the remaining year on the board. She has the experience, and we like her honest desire to keep costs down and her courage to say it at a time when that is absolutely necessary.

Remember to vote Monday, June 14.



You don't get something for nothing

The original screenplay for Douglas Adams's *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* has a bit in it about shoe stores.

I don't remember all of the specifics, nor do I have it handy for a reference, but I do remember the gist of it.

Arthur Dent, the earthling hero of the trilogy, and his friends were in a strange catacomb with walls that were layered like colored sandstone. A closer examination told the adventuring crew that the layers represented different time periods in the history of the planet, different economic phases that had come and gone in that world, which was now completely bereft of life.

And every layer, dating back to antiquity, was comprised entirely of shoe stores.

Adams later said the bit was written in a fit of rage after an afternoon during which he had attempted to buy a pair of plain, comfortable walking shoes. Needless to say, despite the proliferation of shoe stores in the London neighborhood in which he shopped, he couldn't manage to find a plain, decent pair of comfortable walking shoes and concluded that the growth of

these seemingly useless establishments would ultimately contribute to the downfall of mankind.

Now, I personally don't have anything against shoe stores, even though I will only enter them when all of the salespeople are otherwise occupied. I don't think they will contribute to the downfall of the economy, either.

I do think that Adams was a bit of a visionary, though, when he talked about the overpopulation of one type of store leading to horrific consequences.

He just should have written about dollar stores instead of shoe stores.

Granted, the work was written long before dollar stores began to pop up at virtually every corner, in every strip mall, overtaking every shell abandoned by drug store retailers. For all I know, it may have been written before the first dollar store ever opened.

If not, Adams probably would have gotten quite a kick out of the dollar store mentality; I mean here is everything bad about our society gathered together under one - or thousands - of roofs. Cheaply-produced items of low cost and less worth, snapped up

as if they were some hidden treasure.

Who do these establishments benefit? Not the communities that house them; I've got to think that there are very few projects can make community development professionals or urban planners cringe faster than a plan to build, renovate or open a new dollar store.

Not the overall economy, either. They take up valued retail space, bring down nearby property values and generally foster a junk society atmosphere.

It's too bad, too, because as long as these places continue to operate, people will continue to patronize them. Others will seek to open up new stores, looking for their own niche in the junk market and some sections of roads will resemble little more than enclosed flea markets.

There's a difference between supporting local merchants and the local economy and tossing away good money on bad products. There's a simple test you can perform, too: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. You don't get something for nothing.

Snack and nap your way to health

You know, it seems most people are convinced that improving your health has to be all hard work and sacrifice. But the more we learn, the clearer it becomes that getting, and staying, fit involves some of life's more pleasurable activities.

Take eating for instance. Some medical experts are increasingly advising patients to eat five or six small meals a day, rather than the traditional "three squares." Recent studies have shown that eating several small meals daily may lower blood cholesterol, and reduce insulin levels, both of which can cut the risk of heart disease - even when total calories aren't reduced.

Some call it "grazing." Some call it snacking. Whatever you call it, eating five or six meals instead

of three doesn't sound like "a sacrifice" to me.

The same can be said for naps. While admittedly not possible for everyone, the latest research indicates that even a 20-minute nap promotes greater alertness and a more positive attitude - especially for people who keep late hours or have trouble sleeping at night.

During my broadcaster days, I was faithfully up by 7 a.m., but I always tried to fit in a brief nap before night games, especially those two-night doubleheaders.

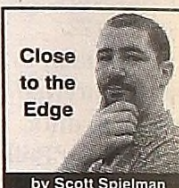
Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein - all faithful nappers - were alert and positive enough to suit me.

So if you're serious about reaching greater fitness and want to do more than regular exercise,

consider snacking and napping along the way.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major-league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman



by Ernie Harwell

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Look to the lessons of yesterday for key

I'm pretty sure it was Butch Overstreet who got nailed stealing a nickel bag of peanuts at the small neighborhood grocery next to my dad's drugstore. I didn't get caught. Well, kind of didn't get caught.

Butch and I were probably about 10 years old when the caper went down. He was one of those kids whose mother worked, a rarity in those days. They rented an apartment at the corner of Falling Heath Street and Kinnikinnic Avenue on Milwaukee's south side.

I liked hanging with Butch. Like me, he could hold his own. We'd sit around the apartment, listen to the radio and plan our adventure that day. If we were hungry, we'd eat, thirsty, drink. Not once did Butch ever tell me I couldn't have a second Coke or Kool-Aid. It was cool not having a mother to boss us around.

One afternoon, we dropped into the grocery. While standing in front of the penny candy display, Butch got the idea of swiping the peanuts. It wasn't so much the stealing, but, the challenge to see if he could get away with it that raced his engine.

I figured, what the heck, a new experience in the world is good for every boy. So, I decided to follow his lead. Butch made his move and started for the door. Not too obvious, huh?

The owner was watching Butch, so I grabbed a bag and slipped it into my pocket.

As Butch walked out the door, the long arm of the owner, who must have been 8 feet tall, grabbed him so hard the peanuts dropped to the floor. "Ow, ow, ow," Butch howled so you could hear him across the street. In fact, if his mama would have been standing in front of her apartment, she'd have heard Butch yelping as he was dragged to the back room of the store.

Me? I split. ...and started sweating

I tried to figure out what my next move would be. I ran behind Bobby Potter's garage. With my mind going a hundred miles per hour, I leaned against the garage in the shade and decided I'd act dumb, be surprised if anything was mentioned. Plan set, I walked slowly to my house to lie low for the afternoon.

Closing the back door quietly, I tried to sneak into my room. "Jerry?" Mom's voice hit me before I took the first step in the back hall.

"Yes, Mom,"

"Do you have something to tell me?"

"I sure do," I said thinking fast. "Butch Overstreet got caught stealing a bag of peanuts."

"I know," she said lowering

the boom.

What happened next is still clear in my mind.

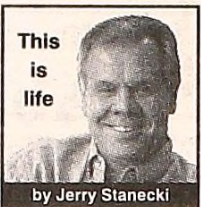
Butch had squealed on me. And the grocer saw me swipe the peanuts. Mom pulled out one of my dad's leather belts and informed me stealing would never be acceptable as long as she was breathing. Saying that it hurt her to have to, she played the drum on my behind.

That happened 40 years ago and remains a vivid memory. I never stole again. . . and, come to think of it, I didn't see much of Butch Overstreet for a while either.

I wonder what would happen today, if, when a kid experimented with stealing the very first time, he or she would get the "Geraldine" treatment.

Positive impressions, and, if necessary, painful ones, do help.

To order Jerry's latest book, *Life is a Joke and God Wrote it!* (\$19.50 includes tax, shipping and handling) write to—PO Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. To contact Jerry go to www.jerrystanecki.com. If you'd like to receive a weekly proactive thought from Jerry, send your email address through his web site.



Resident chides officials

To the editor;

When I read your article about the poor turn out of volunteers at Civitan Park, I felt compelled to write.

When they were building a playscape across the street from my house, and asked for volunteers, I showed up at the time specified, and brought some tools, which it said to bring. I was ready to work, but was totally ignored by the city workers. After about 15 minutes of this, I slinked away so embarrassed. I vowed never to show up for the City of Wayne again.

Perhaps this has happened to other people. I might be a woman, and in my 50s, but I can handle tools pretty well, and I think I would have been an asset, had they greeted me, or even acknowledged me.

Sheila Binkiewicz,
Wayne

Millage approval is urged

To the editor;

Please vote yes June 14 to preserve Northville's educational excellence.

Under Proposal A, the district has suffered several funding cuts from the State of Michigan during the past two years while experiencing large enrollment growth.

The bond issue is for \$35.7 million and will pay for needed projects such as 10 classrooms at Meads Mill Middle School and six at Ridgewood Elementary. It

Letters

will purchase 10 school buses, a new cafeteria at Silver Springs Elementary and one at Winchester Elementary that help increase programming options. The bond issue will support infrastructure repairs at Hillside, Amerman, Moraine and Thornton Creek and technology upgrades at all nine school buildings. Passage of this issue will allow the district to spend the foundation grants from the state on keeping class sizes low and keeping all existing programs in place.

Voting for this bond issue will increase the property tax bill on a home with a market value of \$300,000 between \$105 and \$150 per year for 20 years. Northville, due to its increase in population, has been able to retire debt mills several times in the last six years.

People on a fixed income may qualify for the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit and not incur any additional taxes.

Northville is not alone in suffering from state cutbacks. Many districts have passed bond proposals this year and many others are asking approval June 14. To maintain the excellence that is Northville Public Schools and to maintain the property values we enjoy at the time of resale, we must support this issue.

We also must remember to support our schools when they return for another bond issue in 12 to 18 months for an additional elementary and middle school due to the sale of the State of Michigan and City of Detroit properties in the district. This \$35.7 million issue addresses the critical needs that can't wait until those acres are sold and developed.

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Ice cream pajama party to help fund rebuilding of Maybury Farm

Scott Spielman
Editor

What do you get when you combine pajamas and ice cream? No, it's not some bizarre new type of dessert.

It's a fundraiser, and it will benefit the rebuilding effort at Maybury State Park.

Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, said Custard Time in Northville is hosting an ice cream pajama party from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight.

Jim Roth, owner of the shop at 567 Seven Mile Road, across from McDonald Ford, approached her with the idea recently.

"He just called up and said he wanted to do something to help us out," Peters said.

Roth said the idea to throw a public pajama party had been percolating for a while. Since today is the final day of school for Northville youths, he decided now was the time to put one on — and help the foundation at the same time.

Peters said he would donate the proceeds of the sale of anyone who came up to the shop in their pajamas to the ongoing fundraising efforts to rebuild the living farm at Maybury State Park.

"Nothing is being taken out for wages or anything," Peters said. "It's all going to the farm."

The community foundation is heading up efforts to rebuild the farm and restore it to its previous glory, according to Peters. The farm, which is located off Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road, burned down and virtually all of the 50 animals that lived there were killed. The foundation has since started up an endowment to generate at least \$1 million to fund the farm in perpetuity and entered into a lease agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the 11-acre site.

John Beemer, the farmer who lived at the site and operated the

farm for more than 25 years, will be on hand at the ice cream fundraiser tonight, too, although Peters said she didn't know if he would be in his pajamas.

The efforts have brought in about \$100,000 so far, and Peters said she has some ideas of what to do with the money from the fundraiser tonight, if it is as successful as she hopes.

"It would help up raise money for a wagon, which we need to buy for hay rides and to bring in the crops," Peters said.

All donations to the community foundation are tax deductible. To help out with the rebuilding effort for the farm or to donate some other way, call the foundation at (248) 374-0200.



Farmer John Beemer will be on hand at the ice-cream party tonight at Custard Time in Northville to benefit the rebuilding of Maybury Farm. The question is, will he be in his pajamas?

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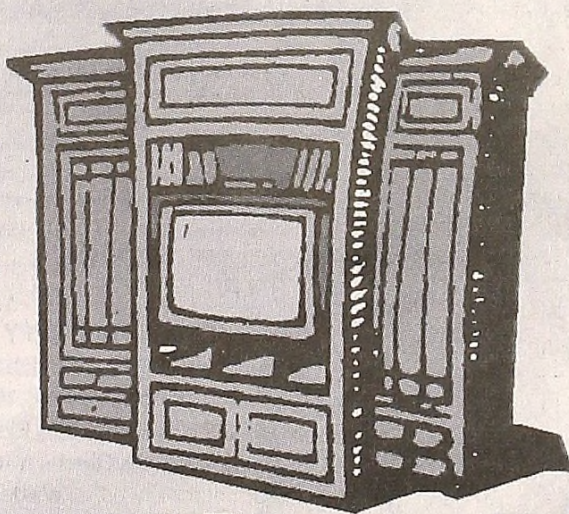
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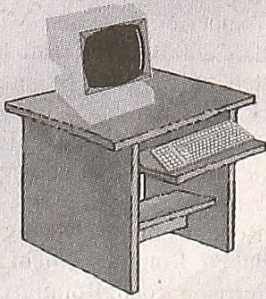
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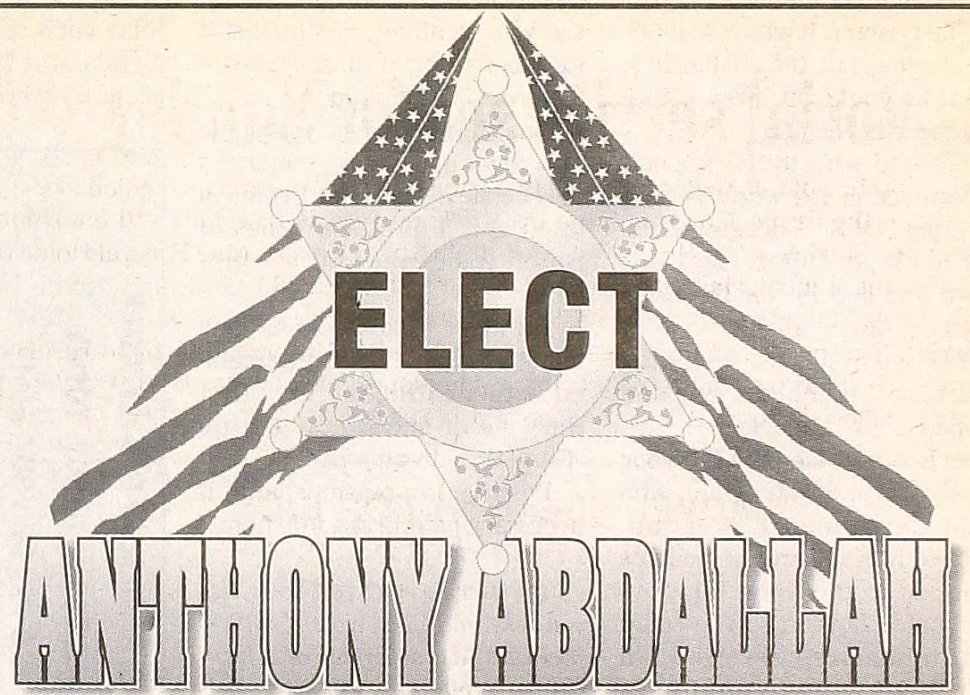


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Time travel

Students spend day in Middle Ages

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The kings and queens of South Middle School took a trip back to the uncertain days of the Middle Ages recently.

Seventh graders experienced working and living during the medieval periods during a one-day event that put teachers and students in codpieces and gowns moving from different stations both inside and outside the school.

Joann Raab, seventh grade teacher, said that the event reflected how the people of the time

lived their lives and displayed what they did in their spare time. The school was decorated with hanging flags of the century, while eight different classrooms were transformed into the era for students to enjoy puppet shows, embroidery lessons, medieval bingo and make paper stained glass windows. Outside events included; weaving, archery demonstrations, relays and lawn bowling.

Raab said that seventh grade teacher Cherie Barnes started the event three years ago. The day coincides with the seventh grade

social studies lesson plan incorporating the geography, history, language, arts, vocabulary and writing of the Middle Ages.

"Our last unit is on medieval times," said Raab. "This event ties everything they learned together in a fun, exciting way. It was a good time for the students after working a number of weeks preparing for the day."

Raab said that one of the more popular events was the pie-eating contest. Meijer donated the cherry filled sugar cookies for the students. Twelve winners were lauded for finishing the whole pie without using their hands.

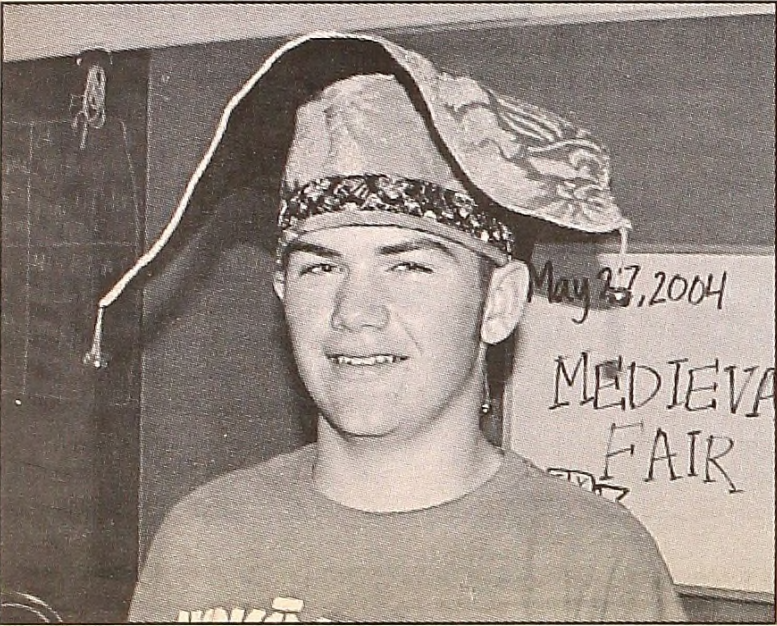
"The day proved that there was something for everyone," she said. "The students made beautiful stained windows from tissue paper and a castle for a classroom. They were all very excited to start the fair after all the hard work they put in."

Parents and eighth grade students also had the opportunity to participate in the events.

"This is a cool project to do and I hope it will continue for years to come," added Raab. "It's a wonderful way to go about getting the kids to participate and learn the culture. Learning by experience is something that is not easy to do everyday in the classroom."



Students learned the fine points of medieval archery during the outdoor portion of the Middle Ages Fair at South Middle School last week. Seventh-grade students, teachers and parents participated in the event which incorporated geography, history, language, art, vocabulary and writing.



Students and teachers got into the spirit of the Middle Ages at South Middle School last week as this semi-costumed participant proves.

Memorial service set for Sunday

A Celebration of Life Balloon Launch is planned at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus on Sunday.

The event, a memorial tribute to lost loved ones, is open to the public. According to a spokesman from the funeral home, special tribute will be paid to the memories of loved ones during the balloon

launch. Casual dress is recommended.

The event is free and will continue from 2 until 3 p.m. Crane Funeral Home is located at 36885 Goddard Road in Romulus.

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Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban can be described in one word—brilliant! Much like the books and the first two movies, *Prisoner* is a fun, fast-paced and exciting adventure sure to please audiences of all ages.

The third movie adapted from J.K. Rowling's best-selling novels took on a fresh look from new director Alfonso Cuarón. The film is more intense – and darker – than predecessors, which were directed by now producer Chris Columbus. However, part three is filled with much of the same thrills, magic and special effects as the original and sequel.

Prisoner reunites Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) for their third year at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The story actually starts during school summer break where most of the students get to enjoy their time off. Not so for the orphaned Potter who spends his time with his repulsive aunt, uncle and cousin, the Durselys. When the family's Aunt Marge visits, she spends a good bit of time slandering Harry's parents, which sends him into a fit of rage with comedic results.

Fearing punishment from the Durselys after Marge and sent her floating around London.

Thanksgiving Day Parade in the wizard world (something forbidden at the school) he escapes into the

Instead of punishment, Harry escapes away from his life in the Muggle world. The fantastic purple triple-decked house with beds and a chandelier. The Leaky Cauldron where Harry spends the rest of the summer. There, Harry's reason he wasn't punished is that he had escaped prison Azkaban and could be



A Dementor, a shrouded evil figure that puts the Black Riders from the Lord of the Ring movies to shame, intercepts the train on the way to Hogwarts. The grim reaper-like creature is apparently looking for Sirius Black but stumbles across Harry instead. From that point, the film is catapulted into a high adventure yarn with excellent special effects that include a Werewolf, hundreds of Dementors and a Hippogriff.

Review by
Jeff Novak
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is part bird and part horse). And only time will reveal the plot that twists and turns more than the stairwells at Hogwarts.

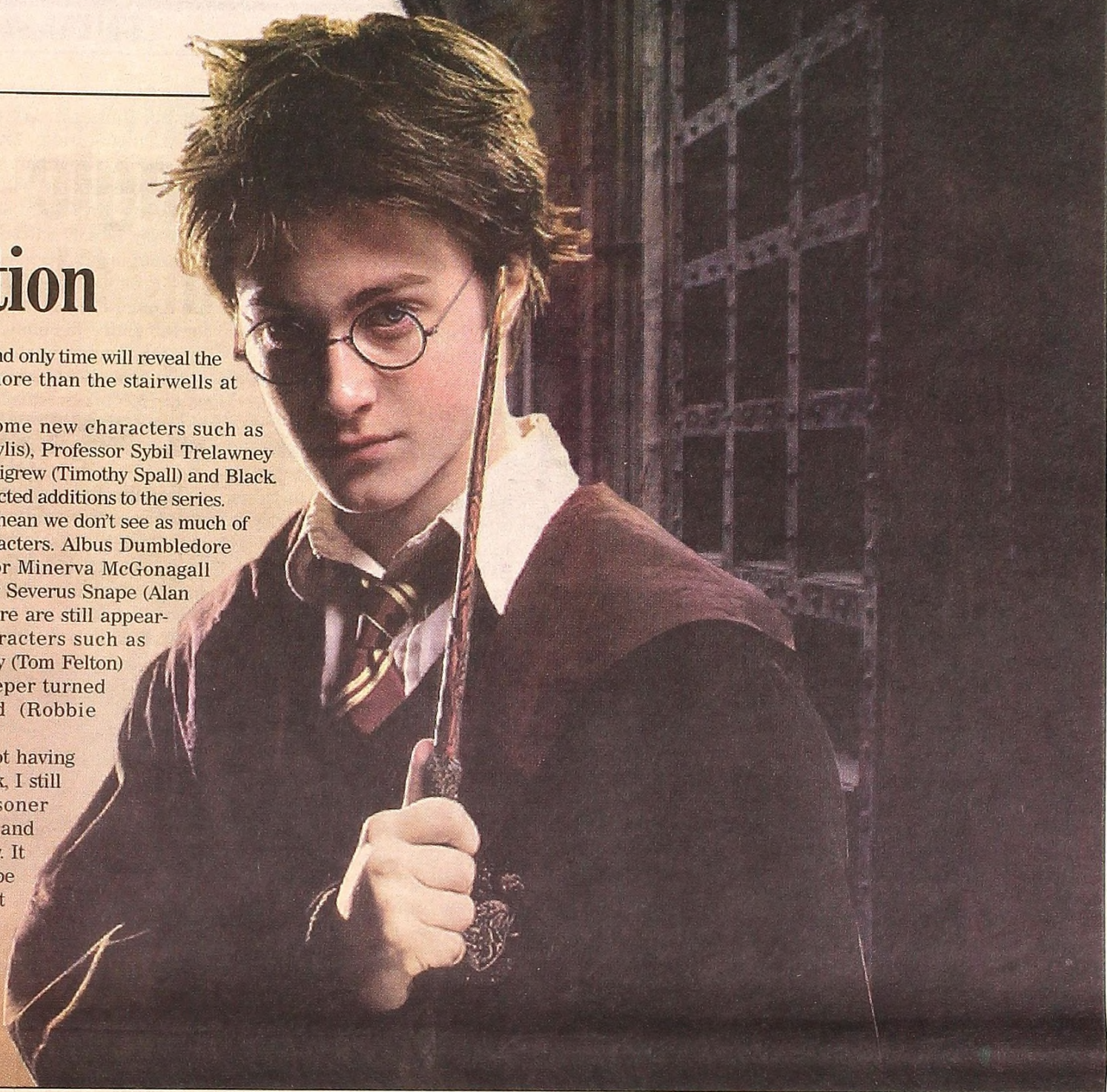
The movie introduces some new characters such as Professor Lupin (David Thewlis), Professor Sybil Trelawney (Emma Thompson), Peter Pettigrew (Timothy Spall) and Black. All are creative, fun and well-acted additions to the series.

New characters, however, mean we don't see as much of some more established characters. Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon), Professor Minerva McGonagall (Maggie Smith) and Professor Severus Snape (Alan Rickman) come to mind. There are still appearances by other classic characters such as Harry's nemesis Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) and the lovable groundskeeper turned instructor Rubeus Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane).

Despite not having read the book, I still found *Prisoner* entertaining and easy to follow. It will not only be a for-sure hit with fans of the book but also with those who just enjoy



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Latest Harlan Coben thriller worth more than 'Just One Look'

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house to run, there is simply no time to dwell on the mysterious photo. She scans it into her computer, drops it on the kitchen counter and gets busy with dinner.

When her husband returns from work, late again, he claims it isn't him in the photo and says he knows nothing about it. And she believes him—until late that night when he takes the photo, leaves the house and does not return.

Coben takes Grace through a mysterious labyrinth of characters, incidents and intrigue in her search for her missing husband. She discovers she isn't the only one looking for him and every hour brings more questions about her husband, her marriage, her self-image and everything she believes and holds dear in her life.

Grace, unlike most of us, however, is not without some serious assets in her search. Assets she hesitates to use—but powerful

ones nonetheless. And she finds desperation a strong motivator toward accepting help from quarters she might have scorned 48 hours earlier in her life.

Coben creates a complicated, rich, intelligent, action packed and thoroughly satisfying mystery. His plotting will keep readers turning pages far into the night and his characters are fascinating, whether they are heroes, villains or, like most of mankind, a bit of each.

And he proves again, as he has with his past bestsellers, that he is a master of the surprising twist of plot that has earned him his spot on the bestseller lists.

This is a great summer read. Highly recommended.



CALENDAR

Charity golf outing tees off

The Girlstown Foundation has planned the third annual golf outing Saturday, July 24 at the Woodlands of Van Burn Golf Course. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Entry fees are \$100 per golfer and sponsor fees are \$150 per hole. The day will include lunch, silent auction, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The deadline to register is July 2. For more information, contact Elaine Carter at (734) 697-7242.

Relay For Life seeks survivors

The Relay for Life in Belleville is looking for any cancer survivors to walk the first lap of the relay at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12 at Belleville High School. A luncheon will take place after the walk, as well as a luminaria to honor the survivors and those who have died from cancer. For more information, or to reserve a spot, call Renay Weiss at (248) 483-4359.

Fireworks set in Wayne

The annual fireworks display returns to Attwood Park on June 30. The day will also feature the Wayne Star Search Competition, which seeks to find day-time entertainment for the annual Wayne Wheelfest. The competition is open to the public. For details about it and the fireworks, call the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 721-7400.

Summer storytelling set

Parents and caregivers are

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First-time homebuyer seminars set

Inkster Community Development and the Inkster Community Investment Partnership are hosting First-Time Homebuyer's workshops from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 26, July 24, Aug. 21, Sept.

11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 6. The event will include speakers on several topics, including the mortgage approval process, credit repair, responsible homeownership, down payment assistance programs and the benefits of buying versus renting. The seminars will take place at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

Town Hall meeting planned

The Inkster chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Western Wayne County Branch of the NAACP will host Llena Jackson-Leslie, the president of the National Women's Political Caucus, and Isaac Robinson of Citizens for a United Michigan, at a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. June 10 at Smith Chapel AME on 3505 Walnut St. For more information, call (313) 657-4759.

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Peace, not pieces

International spiritualist brings message to Westland

Scott Spielman
Editor

Why would we hate others based on other religions, other cultures?

Nirankari Baba Ji posed this deceptively simple question to a crowd of more than 100 followers, guests and well-wishers Tuesday night at the Sant Nirankari Mission in Westland.

Ji, of Delhi, India, visited the spiritual gathering place on a tour of the world, on one of his only stops in Michigan. The last time he left his country, he said, was about two years ago. He talked about love and tolerance among all peoples of the world, no matter what their personal beliefs.

In a message that was delivered in both English and Hindi, he warned the throng that the current ways of the world will only lead to strife.

"We see hatred everywhere," he said. "We are seeing intolerance."

The answer is to realize that there is only one God and that we are all ultimately the same no matter what we may look like or how we may speak.

"Before everything is lost, it is time for everyone to understand the true meaning of religion," he said. "There is only one God, and we are all the children of that God."

"If we love God, then there is no reason at all that we would hate the children of God, this mankind. There is no reason left."

The Sant Nirankari Mission is neither a new religion nor a sect of an existing

religion, but an all embracing spiritual movement dedicated to human welfare. Members believe in God who is One, omnipresent, omnipotent omniscient and formless.

Ji, a True Master Satguru of the movement, has helped unite people of all background around the world through his message of 'know one, worship one and be one', according to Harliveleen Bajwa, who helped organize the visit.

"His message is that there should be peace in the world, not pieces of the world," she said.

The message is equally popular with members of the Christian faith as it is with Hindus because it aims for a sort of universal brotherhood.

Ji pointed to current world events as a sign that many religious leaders had lost their grasp on the true meaning of faith. The only way to sow world peace was to increase our levels of tolerance for each other, but that's not what he said he sees happening.

"We are sowing the seeds of hatred, not of love," he said.

In order for us to change the tide of world events, we must again foster the spirit of brotherhood and tolerance among all peoples, he said. It's the same type of message that saints and profits have delivered in virtually every time period, every place and in every language.

"Then the whole Earth becomes a beautiful place," he said. "Everyone lives like brothers, helping each other."



Nirankari Baba Ji (above) brought his message of peace and tolerance of all mankind to the Sant Nirankari Mission in Westland Tuesday night. He has visited several countries on his current world tour.

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SPORTS

Mustangs win district Lions, Chiefs, Rocks no match for Northville baseball

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville Mustangs were riding high when they won their three games in the district baseball tournament and claimed the title.

In the three-game spree, the 'Stangs went 26-for-55 at the plate and compiled 36 runs. They only left five runners on base the entire week and only recorded one error, according to Northville coach Mickey Newman.

In the championship game on Saturday, they defeated the Salem Rocks in a 12-2 five-inning mercy. Northville's six-run first inning essentially crushed the Rocks, according to Newman.

"It was tough game for Salem," he said. "They just came off a huge win against Novi where they played with a lot of emotion and energy and I think we came out more focused."

Sophomore outfielder Charlie Thomas led the first-inning scoring spree with a two-out, three-run homer to put Northville up, 6-0. Thomas, the leading hitter in the Western Lakes Conference and second in RBIs behind teammate Matt Williams, also had a double and scored three times, according to Newman.

"He's just had an outstanding year for us," he said.

Junior catcher Williams was perfect at the plate, 3-for-3, and scored twice. Senior infielder Jimmy Cicala went 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs while junior pitcher and outfielder Steve Besk went 2-for-4 to score two times in the victory.

Senior pitcher Mark Sorenson recorded the win from the



Northville's Mark Sorenson (above) rounds the bases in the Mustangs' 14-8 slugfest victory against the Canton Chiefs. The team went on to defeat the Salem Rocks 12-2 in a five-inning mercy to win the district championship.

mound with another stellar game. He pitched all five innings with five strikeouts and only gave up four hits, two earned runs and two walks. The triumph moved him to 9-0 on the season and 16-0 as a varsity pitcher, Newman said. He also capped off the mercy, 12-2, with a two-run double in the fifth.

Mustangs 14, Chiefs 8

In the early game, Northville paired off against the Canton Chiefs in a slugfest. The Mustangs overcame the Chiefs 14-8 to vault them into the final game against Salem.

Northville managed seven runs in two innings but the Chiefs wouldn't go away quietly. They marched back at one point to

make it an 11-5 game and then 11-7, said Newman, but the Mustangs' offense prevailed with three more runs to take the victory.

"Canton gave us a real good fight," he said. "They really came at us."

Williams led the offense with three hits, including two triples, and three runs scored. Sorenson and senior second baseman Jake Dumbleton both went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two scores.

Besk started from the mound and gave up six hits, seven earned runs and four walks with five strikeouts in three and one-third innings. Junior pitcher Andrew Smith relieved Besk in the fourth to finish out the game.

He pitched a four-hitter and only gave up one run in the slugfest with four strikeouts in three and two-thirds innings.

"Canton really battled against Besk," Newman said. "It was nice to see Andrew come in and pitch as well as he did."

Mustangs 10, Lions 4

Northville started out district week with a 10-4 victory against the South Lyon Lions on Tuesday, June 1.

Sorenson earned the win from the mound, again. He pitched a seven-hitter with three earned runs; three walks and recorded five strikeouts.

"South Lyon played really well," Newman said. "They hit against Sorenson pretty good."

They were in it all the way. We just jumped ahead early."

Northville managed five runs in the first to take the early lead. Then they scored three more in the fourth and two more in the sixth to put the game away.

Brendan Buckley was a powerhouse from the plate in the opening district game. He went 3-for-4, including a double and a two-run homer in the fourth inning. He also recorded three scores, three RBIs and two stolen bases. Cicala and Brian Tellish both went 1-for-3 with three RBIs and Thomas was perfect with four hits and one RBI.

"It was just an incredible week of playing baseball," Newman said. "I hope we can keep the roll going—the kids are playing outstanding ball right now."

Mustangs 4, Zebras 2

Northville also won the league championship with a come-from-behind, 4-2 victory against the Wayne Memorial Zebras the previous week.

There was no horsing around when they were down 2-1 in the sixth inning when they knocked in three more runs to steal the victory.

Senior Brett Asher nailed a two-run double to put the Mustangs in the lead, 3-2, and Tellish nailed a double to knock in an insurance run. Sorenson struck out Wayne's final six batters to secure the win.

Northville will play against Ann Arbor Pioneer in the second game of the regional tournament at noon on Saturday. Pioneer is arguably the best team in the state, according to Newman.

"We'll have our hands full," he said.

Mustangs top Wildcats, win district championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs faced off in an epic rivalry battle against the Novi Wildcats in the District 8 Division soccer championship game Friday night.

The Mustangs started off slow, but they squeezed out a 3-2 victory.

Although Northville was the host of the tournament, they were slated as the visiting team and started off on the opposite end of the field than they were used to, according to Northville coach Ron Meteyer.

It only took 20 seconds for the Wildcats to take advantage of the disoriented Mustang team. Maureen Pawlik, the number-two player in the state, according to Meteyer, raced up the left side and got a shot off that slid past

sophomore goaltender Katie Weicksel to make it 1-0. The Mustangs never had a chance to touch the ball, Meteyer said.

Pawlik almost extended the lead five minutes later with another shot from 10 yards out, but it sailed just wide of the net.

Then Northville finally got the ball to roll their way. With 31:26 left in the first half, Whitney Guenther lobbed the ball from 36 yards out over the back-peddling goalie to knot the game, 1-1.

Novi regained the lead when they knocked in a rebound off the crossbar past Weicksel to make it a 2-1 game and end the half.

"Rebounds were killing us," Meteyer said. "So, you know what we talked about at the half."

The half-time pep talk helped and the Mustangs bounced back in the second half when Deane



Northville's senior Lynne Raymond races to the ball in the Mustangs' 4-0 victory against Central last Thursday in district play. Northville continued to the final game where they defeated the Novi Wildcats, 3-2, to win the district.

Kubas and Lauren Hill connected to tie the game back up at 2-2. Northville really took it to Novi and kept the ball on offense for most of the second half, according to Meteyer.

The pressure paid off as Lindsay Blair and Hill combined

for the winning goal with only 35 seconds left in the game.

Novi pressed everybody they had up the field but Northville's defense held on for the 3-2 victory to capture the district championship.

There was a scary moment in

the game when Weicksel suffered a punch to the eye and had to be taken out of the game. The accidental whack to the eye, according to Meteyer, caused a problem with one of her contact lenses.

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Pioneers oust Chiefs from district soccer play

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs, without question, had a stellar soccer season but it was Ann Arbor Pioneer that knocked them out of the district tournament last Thursday.

Even though Canton out-shot the Pioneers, it was Ann Arbor that snuck away with a 1-0 victory.

Canton was ranked number one before entering the tournament, something Canton Coach Don Smith would have liked to seen differently.

"Ranking doesn't mean an awful lot," he said. "It doesn't mean teams are going to lay down for you. Sometimes it's a kiss of death."

"It's nice for the kids and the parents to be ranked number one, but it's not something that the coach likes to see," he added. "It's a lot of added pressure."

Who knows, if it was the added pressure but the Chiefs couldn't get the ball in the net. They out-shot the Pioneers 18-6, but it was Ann Arbor that put the ball by junior goalie Brittany Cervi with 15 minutes left in the first half for the 1-0 lead.

The second half remained scoreless and Ann Arbor escaped to move on the final contest against the Salem Rocks.

"We've done pretty well against good teams all year," Smith said. "Sometimes you need luck. You need those unex-

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Canton shouldn't feel too bad about the loss, because Ann Arbor went on to defeat Salem for the championship in the same manner. Pioneer took the Rocks into a double overtime shootout but it was Ann Arbor's Sarah Burns that buried one to

win the district title.

The Chiefs ended their winning season with a 14-3-3 overall record.

Chiefs 7, Zebras 0

The Chiefs had an easier time getting the ball in the net when they faced the Wayne Memorial Zebras last Tuesday, June 1.

Canton walked away with a 7-0 shutout.

Senior Rachel Perry scored two goals while sophomore forward Lisa Ealy scored a goal and recorded two assists for Canton. Senior defenders Elizabeth Alexander and Katie Esper each recorded a score and an assist. Rebecca Houdek and Jenna Drierher both contributed with single goals and Ali Perry, Katie Mills and

Christy Daniels all recorded assists in the game.

Cervi and Pam Wisniewski combined for the shutout, according to Smith.

Canton appears to be in good shape for next year with 19 returning players. They will, however, lose five top players to graduation this year: Alexander, Esper, Mills, Rachel Perry and Megan Romer will graduate. For the district tournament, Smith brought up three junior varsity players, Drierher, Jennifer Krajovic and Mary Mattarellra, who are expected to stick around for next year.

With the strong group of returning players and younger developing players, Canton should continue right where they left off, he said.

Cougars play errorless softball, knock Rockets from tournament

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Garden City played flawless softball to beat the John Glenn Rockets 11-0 in a five-inning mercy last Tuesday, June 1.

The loss knocked the Rockets out of the district tournament.

The Cougars rallied for seven runs in the third inning and four in the fourth to put the game away. They also recorded six hits off of Glenn senior pitcher Dana Baran. They walked seven

times and only struck out twice.

Glenn also made three defensive errors in the game. The Rockets were struck out six times with zero walks.

Devon Ross and Liz Brozek each hit a double but were unable to cross the plate to score.

Not only did the Rockets have to battle the strong Cougars, they also fought against the elements as storms moved through the area, according to Glenn Coach Bill Duncan.

"I had to ask the umpire if we could stop the game because the winds were picking up and the storms moved through," he said. "Finally they delayed the game, but we had already walked two batters."

From there, the damage was done and the Rockets couldn't catch up.

The game or the season may not have gone the way Glenn had hoped, but they will have next year to look forward to.

"The kids and especially the

coaches have learned a lot," he said. "We're looking to do some good things next year."

"Next year we will have to look at our pitching situation," he added, "but we have a decent core of players with a strong infield coming back next year."

Duncan only plans to lose five seniors to graduation this year including his pitcher Baran. She is actually the only pitcher the team has. Duncan said he plans to have a couple more for next year. He will also

lose leftfielder Amanda Fullerton, outfielder Sarah Mackie, Amy Bailey at second base and the highly regarded catcher and hitting force Rebecca Oros.

The infield will stay intact for the most part with Dana Ross returning at short stop, Megan Dean at third base and Liz Brozek at first.

Duncan said he might bring outfielder Stephanie Rees in take over catching duties for next year.



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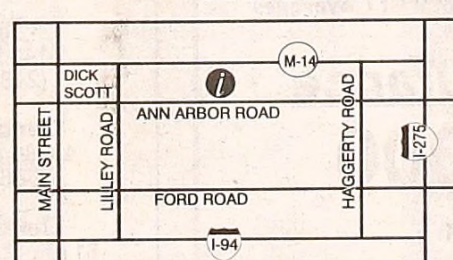



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Around the field

Romulus travel team places second

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"I would like to say that this was a good experience for my basketball team," said head coach Otha Green. "This is the youngest team I have ever coached. They really surprised me with how well they played together and their sportsmanship was good throughout the tournament. Most important, they played as a team."

The 14 players include: Xavier Alexander, Selwyn Bodden, Christopher Cole, Ryan Foster, Valdez Green, Patrick Hopkins, Shawn Middlebrook, Justin Moss, Evans Pailere,

Quincy Rich, Laron Rogers, Calvin Shield, Steven Wells and Corey Wilson. Green's assistant coach was Jeremiah Hall.

Green also wanted to thank the drivers who safely transported the team to the tournament. They include: Ms. Davis, Bobby Parson, Jeremiah Hall and Vincent Dallas.

Summer baseball, softball camps in Northville

Total Baseball/Total Softball will hold their Total Baseball/Total Softball Summer Camps in Novi—June: 14, 15, 16 at Powers Park and in Northville—June: 21, 22, 23 at Community Park. All camps are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old.

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Fall soccer registration continues in Plymouth

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The fee for under-6 through under-8 year old divisions is \$60 for City of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For

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For more information call (734) 455-6620 or check out www.ci.plymouth.mi.us to download registration forms.

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Northville Parks and Recreation will host the 4th Annual Northville Summer Lacrosse Camp June 21-25. The camp is open to youngsters from ages 9-13 and will welcome beginners. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon every day.

The fee is \$150 and will be directed by John Bear, head coach of the Michigan Knights. For more information contact the Northville Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-0203.

Inkster baseball falls to Jewish Academy

The Inkster Vikings varsity baseball team was ousted from the district championship tournament when the Jewish Academy defeated them 17-2 in a three-inning mercy.

Despite the score the Vikings only struck out two times, according to Inkster coach Jerome Orr.

"We were hitting the ball good," he said. "We just hit the ball right at someone and got thrown out."

It was 9-2 after the first two innings but the Academy put the game away in the third with eight more runs.

Despite the sub-par season, Orr said the young team will return intact, minus two seniors, and be more experienced for next year. This was a good learning experience, especially for the young kids," he said. "Things will be good for next year."

Soccer

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Morgan Daul, recently brought up from the junior varsity squad to play in the district tournament, was sent in to take Weicksel's place.

"She came up big," Meteyer said. "When Weicksel was out, Novi was moving in and Morgan stopped a big shot for us."

Weicksel returned 14 minutes into the second half to help secure the win.

But depth is one of the things Meteyer said his team has over most others.

"I used 21 players in the game," he said. "Our depth helped. If we would have gone into overtime, I think we would have won."

Mustangs 4, Vikings 0

The Mustangs started their trek in the district tournament with a bye in the first round and then took on Walled Lake Central in the second game last Thursday,

June 3. They eased out a 4-0 victory in order to advance to the finals against Novi. Weicksel recorded the shutout.

On offense, Hill scored first to put Northville on the board 25:22 into the first half. Freshman Danielle Toney and senior Loren Tacconelli assisted on the play.

With 2:51 left to play in the first half, Liz Albulov snuck one past Central to put the team up 2-0. Brittany Boen helped on the goal.

Northville put the game away in the second half. Junior Jennifer Kritch passed it up to Toney who put the ball in to take a three-goal lead 1:30 into the second.

Toney returned the favor when she passed it up to Kritch who put the game away, 4-0.

The Mustangs headed to Canton and faced Dearborn in the first round of the regional tournament Tuesday night but the results were unavailable at press time.

The winner will face either Ann Arbor Pioneer or Saline in the regional championship game.



Senior Deanne Kubas moves the ball up against Walled Lake Central in Northville's 4-0 win. The triumph moved the Mustangs into the finals against Novi on last Friday night.



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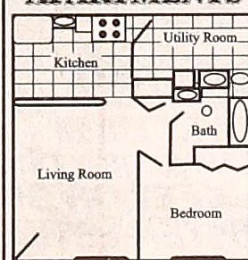
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2G1W154T5L9163006
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1FMDA31X4MZA94649
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1ZVBT22L0K5175449
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1G1BU51H7JA154207

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2FTEF15Y3MCA48471
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1992 Ford 2 Door
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On June 15, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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JT2SV22E7H3117589
1985 Ford F-250 Pick up- White
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1975 GMC Dump Truck- White
TCY3351523529
1987 Ford Ranger Pick Up- Silver
1FTCR14A5HPA51203
1988 Ford F-250 Dump Truck- Grey
2FDKF38G2JCB07972

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1988 Ford Bronco II ST Wagon- Red
1FMCU14T5JUD48829
1991 Mercury Sable 4 Door- Black
1MECM5342MG603069
1989 Ford Probe 2 Door- Black
1ZVBT22L5K5256544
1988 GMC Safari St-Wagon- Blue
1GKDM1522JB521699
2000 Mercury Cougar 2 Door- Black
1ZWHT61LXY5606452
1989 Pontiac 6000 4 Door- White
1G2AJ51W5KT215994
1999 Ford Taurus 4 Door- Black
1FAPP53S2XG115884
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1G1JC1445N7261954
1997 Suzuki Esteem 4 Door- Silver
JS2GB31S9V5102214
1989 Chrysler

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1993 Chevy Lumina 4 Door- White
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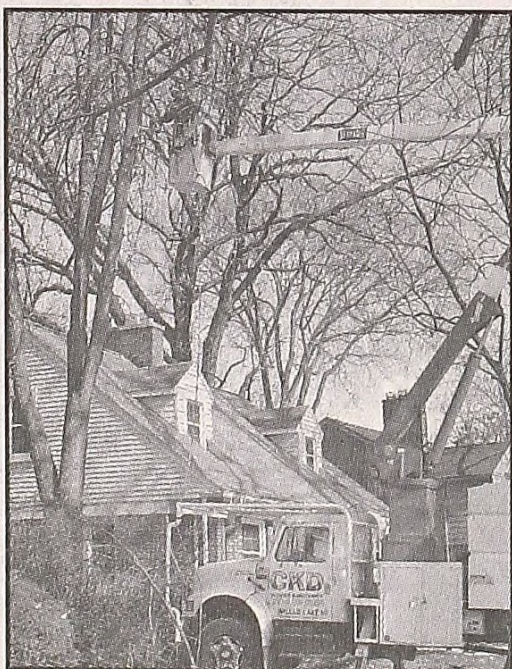
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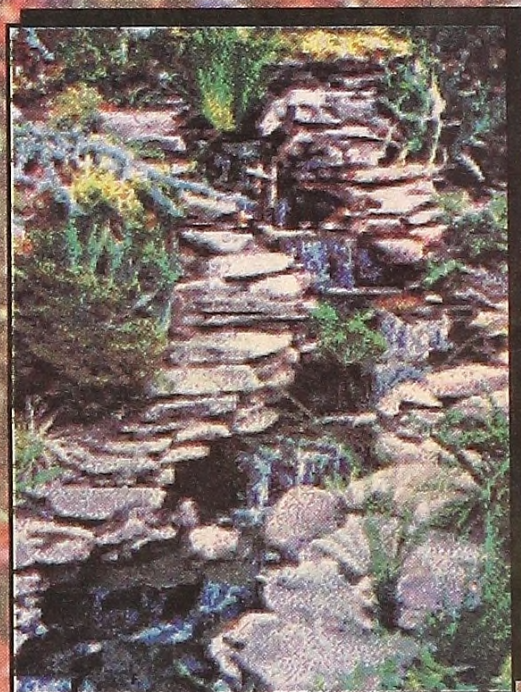
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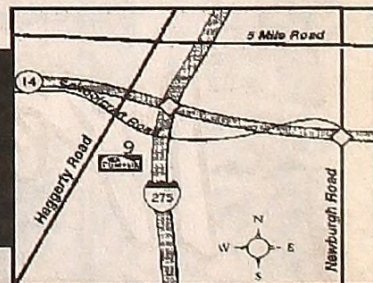
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